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By Mr. Fennell of Lynn, petition of Robert F. Fennell relative to alcohol and drug abuse by residents of homeless shelters in the Commonwealth. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOMELESS SHELTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
- 2 shelters, lodging houses, and facilities housing the homeless shall
- 3 prohibit the consumption of alcohol or any narcotic on the facility
- 4 grounds. In addition, each shelter or lodging house, as defined,
- 5 shall also make available to its residents an alcohol and drug
- 6 abuse program, to be administered by said facility in conjunction
- 7 with the state department of Public Health.